

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Religious Indifference

The problem of religious indifference seems to have been a very ancient affliction among the Lord's people. Six hundred years before Christ, Jeremiah was lamenting the utter lack of concern upon the part of Israel (Lam. 1:1-12). Jerusalem had been deserted, the elders of the city sat on the ground clothes in sackcloth, the roads leading to the city were deserted, the gates of the city were desolate, and the sacred feasts had been forsaken. Jeremiah's heart was filled with sorrow and his eyes were wet with tears, but very few shared the prophet's grief. The weeping prophet wept alone.

The multitudes hurried along absorbed with their own affairs and wholly unconcerned over the plight of their city, their temple, their nation, and the worship of God. These were the dark days of Israel's apostasy and we see the sad state of a nation that had forsaken God, as we hear Jeremiah sadly saying, ***"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"***

The greatest danger to the church today, the greatest hindrance to personal evangelism, is not opposition from without, but the soul chilling indifference within. Our greatest peril is that we fail to recognize the subtle changes that are taking place in our attitude until our love has become lukewarm, and then finally cold and dead. A change in attitude does not occur overnight. A man who truly loves his wife does not turn from fervent love to complete indifference in a day. If changes in affection take place, they will be gradual and scarcely perceptible in the beginning as love wears thin under the pressure of petty frustrations and differences that are magnified by constant repetition.

It was said that the church in Ephesus, known for her works, labor, patience and opposition to false teachers, finally ***"left its first love"*** (Revelation 2:2-4). One version says, ***"You no longer love me as you did in the beginning."*** It is hard to fight battles with false teachers and expose false doctrine, without losing some of the love and tenderness that the true Christian should possess. Error must be exposed and defeated, but love must not be allowed to die.

A man is called selfish, not for pursuing his own good, but for neglecting his neighbors. The selfish person is never really interested in the salvation of others. One can never be a successful soul winner unless he is genuinely interested in others. Someone has said, "People do not care how much we know unless they know we care." Too many of us are basically selfish at heart and have to fight this tendency all of our lives if we really want to serve God and our fellow men. Any person who tries to go to heaven alone will never enter the portals of glory.

"And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father" (1 Kings 11:6). God is not interested in partial obedience or half-hearted service. We hear a great deal today about "total commitment", but there is too much lip service and not enough examples of complete dedication to the will of God.

Elton Trueblood did not invent the "company of the committed" because our Lord has had a few such servants in all ages. It was Job who said, ***"And unto God would I commit my cause"*** (Job 5:8). Paul, the apostle, spoke with great conviction when he said; ***"...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day"*** (2 Timothy 1:12). Hosea, the prophet, spoke of Israel in these words: ***"Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself ... Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: He shall break down their altars, He shall spoil their images"*** (Hosea 10:1-2). The church of the Lord today needs more personal workers

who have decided to render full and complete service.

We are all aware that Jesus warned of the dangers that are inherent in the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, together with the love of earthly pleasures (Luke 8:14). One can become absorbed in an endless quest of pleasure seeking, money grabbing, and be overwhelmed by the cares and concerns of this life. We live in a materialistic age, in a fool's paradise, in a nation that is fast forgetting God. The faith of our fathers is being ridiculed and rejected. In this atheistic, materialistic society, it is very difficult for the Christian to stem the tide of worldliness and maintain his zeal and devotion in the work of the Lord.

—J. A. McNutt

Sympathy

We were saddened to learn about the recent death of **Dusty Marshall**, who had been one of our “shut-ins” for many years. A private family service was conducted for Dusty last week. Keep this family in your prayers.

Baptism

We are happy to announce that **Marissa Alaniz** made the good confession and was baptized into the Lord on Wednesday evening, August 23rd, by Don Easlon. We want to say “welcome “to Marissa, our new sister in Christ.

Prayer Requests

Mary Anchondo is going through serious health issues at this time. Her doctor has referred her on to another doctor for evaluation. She doesn't have a diagnosis yet.

Prayers were requested for **Keith Mitchell** (Micah Wesson Mitchell's father-in-law). Keith has been diagnosed with a mass on his brain. He is in need of prayers.

Concerns Update

Wilene Wright is in Encompass in Midland for evaluation and to undergo physical therapy. She is in Room #201.

LaDonna Chism was released to go home from Encompass last Tuesday. LaDonna is still in need of our prayers.

Daniel Eastwood is on high antibiotics to fight the infection in his leg.

Grace Zuniga (Jordan's mother) finally woke up from having undergone a major spinal surgery recently in Lubbock. That was good news to hear!

Prayer List

Maria Baeza; Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; Charlie Carson; LaDonna Chism; James Drake; Jon Easley; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Charles Lewis; Leigh Ann McFarland; Juan & Estella Morolez; Joe Morrison; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Rosa Ramirez; Linda Straw; Linda & Bill Tate; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; Jefferson Wood; John Wood; Natalynn Wood.

Eisenhower's Homebound...

Glenna Callendar; James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Events

Watch “*In Search of the Lord's Way*” Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

Guest Speaker: Please mark the date: October 21st and 22nd. Dave Miller will be here to present an AP Seminar on “**God and Government.**” Please plan to attend these sessions if you possibly can.

Office News...

“September Nursery Duty”

9/3 Christy & Larriat— 9/10 Mirta & Bonnie 9/17 Sonia & Jaque—9/24 Hannah & Gloria
The Reality of Sin

In the early 1970’s prominent psychiatrist Dr. Karl Menninger wrote a book entitled, “Whatever Became of Sin?” He noted that the word “sin” had almost disappeared from our vocabulary, but a sense of guilt remained in our hearts and minds.

Forty-plus years later, things seem to have only gotten worse. Recently, a preacher told his congregation, “In this sermon we are going to talk about the “S-word,” that nobody wants to discuss. Today we do not say that someone has sinned; instead, we say he or she has issues.”

Few today are willing to admit publicly that they have sinned. During his administration, President Clinton became a rare exception. After his inappropriate conduct while in office he told a group of ministers attending a prayer breakfast at the White House, “There is no fancy way to say this; I have sinned.” The president used exactly the right words to describe his behavior.

David is described as a man after God’s own heart, not because he was sinless, but because he acknowledged his sins and repented. He told the Lord, “I have sinned greatly.” (2 Samuel 24:10). “I have sinned, and done wickedly.” (2 Samuel 24:17). After he sinned against Bathsheba and her husband (Uriah), David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” (2 Samuel 12:13).

Whatever became of sin? Today many are calling evil “good” and good “evil.” (Isaiah 5:20). The world talks about the “stupid good people” and the “clever wicked ones.”

In the Bible, when people sinned, they always exercised bad judgment. Wisdom deserts a person when he sins. He has accepted a lie for the truth. It is like he is driving on the highway ignoring all the signs with his eyes shut! Is that a wise way to travel?

Those who sin, do not take into account their souls. They give their souls little thought as they transgress God’s laws, or fail to do good when they know they should.

Sin is never the wise thing to do. It always ignores consequences. Don’t buy the world’s notion that the sinner is the “smart fellow,” and the righteous individual is “stupid.” We have peer pressure throughout our lives, not just in high school. Always remember there is nothing smart about wrongdoing and nothing stupid about righteousness. The one who sins against God is not the bright rebel he fancies himself to be. Rather, he is showing his weakness and stupidity.

Our country has many intelligent people whom God has helped to build a great nation. But so many today seem to be greatly lacking in moral wisdom. Isn’t it time to bring back the “S-word” (sin) into our vocabulary? The first step in solving any problem is to properly identify it. If in our minds sin does not really exist, what would ever motivate us to repent of it. —Danny Tunnell

Sept 3rd, 2023

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Allen Weakland
Steve Easlon
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Richard Siler
Jeff Wesson
Cody Wesson

P.M.

Allen Weakland
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Allen Weakland
Caleb York
Jon Roemisch
Craig Wesson

Lords Supper

Larry May
Scot Straw
Jr. Munoz
Tommy Garcia

Cody Wesson
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Allen Weakland -254-8209 *Deacon:* Tommy Garcia 312-5332 —*Pulpit:* Bill Ryan 352-4871 —*Table:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 —
Recording Sermons: Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 — *Contributions:* Cody Wesson

Sunday AM

“Lasting Memorial” (Joshua 24:26-33)

Sunday PM

“A Jealous God” (Exodus 34:10-14)

Our Records

Bible Class... 84

Morning Worship...131

Evening Worship ... 73

Wednesday...94

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